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first fact we had to face was that we one side of the Atlantic and the scene of war was on the other. We should succeed or fail according as we were able to bridge that ocean and keep it bridged. We must have ships for our men, ships for our food, ships for our munitions ships and always more ships, The constant limit upon our participation in war was the tonnage at our dis posal, whether it was tonnage created or begged, borrowed or stolen. So the record of the United States shipping board, as presented in its sec-

ond annual report, is one of the war epics, which should have a place on the shelf beside the epic of the army and that of the navy. The latter might pro-tect the ships, the former might use them for its purpose, but the ships themselves had first to be provided.

The Ships Report "Present."

The story of the shipping board is onof which Americans may be proud, be. Court Buys Lime Crusher for Farmers' cause it expresses two phases of the American genius: the ability to meet an I emergency and the capacity for producenterprise on the broadest scale. The steady rise of the production curves, for keels laid, hulls launched, ships completed, might fairly represent the curve of America's war effort. The raking and scraping of ships from the far ends of regular session an appropriation was the earth, from Scandinavia an Siam, from Japan and Uruguay, is expression of the spirit that faced and defied both

the ocean's space and the U-boat. Other war annals are ended. The annals of the shipping board and the Amercan merchant marine will continue. "The board recommends that the program for the construction of vessels as modified to meet peace conditions should be carried through and should be extended. That is the best part. -Boston Globe.

Chemical advice has been given by the United States department of agriculture to the food administration, and much valuable data have been supplied to it relative to manufacturers engaged in making certain types of insecticides and the importance or nonimportance of various insecticidal materials, A representative of the insecticide and fungicide board has attended several conferences between the food administration and manufacturers and has been able to 8 Forsyth place. supply gata of value. As a result of the activities of the food administration, assisted by the department, the price of arsenic asked by the producer has been reduced from 12 to 16 cents to 9 cents for carload lots and 9% cents for shipments less than a carload. This presumably will lead to a reduction in the price of Paris green, lead accenate, and other arsenical insecticides to the consumer.

When the fiscal court of Allen county, ky., went with the county agent to see field demonstration where limestone had made red clover grow abundantly where before clover had been a failure; the favor of the court was gained to the extent that when the court met is voted for the purchase of a limestone crusher. The crusher cost \$2,500. It is a portable outfit, and for eight months of chine. It is taleen around from community to community to crush the natural limestone rock for agricultural purposes. This work is done at cost for the farmers. In the other four months of

the year the crusher is used by the

county on road work.

# The Confidence

of the trading public, in this store and in our business methods, has made our sales in the past twelve months the largest in several years, for which we thank

Our policy for the year 1919 will be a repetition of the past thirty years, Honest Goods and Square Dealing with evervone.

We wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Frank McWhorter Co.

### BARRE DAILY TIMES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1919.

### The Weather.

Rain this afternoon and to-night. Thursday overcast and much colder

#### south winds shifting to west gales. TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. Dick Cook of this city is visiting riends in Boston and Hartford, Conn. George W. Hunt has returned home fter passing several days with relatives

n Massachusetts. Edward Sunderland, formerly of Barre,

is visiting at the home of Will S. Page of South Main street. Mrs. Frank Nutting has returned to ber home in Providence, R. I., after visit-

ing friends in this city. Sadlier, Keith avenue, baby cab and Savings Bank & Trust Co. go-cart runners. Sleigh to wheels, one

seond, and vice versa. Miss Blanche Meyette has returned to her home in West Bradford, after visit-

ing relatives on Division street.

The Christmas club is already on its econd week. Come in and join to-day.

Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. John C. Booth and W. B. Mackenzie have returned to the city, after passing several days in Boston on business. Charles Frenier left this morning for Mansfield, O., on a business trip in the

interest of the Ream-McBee Granite Co. Alex. Rennie of South Main street begins work to-morrow for the firm of Boutwell, Milne & Varnum at Granite-

lodge Saturday, Jan. 4. All Scandina vians welcome. Meeting at 7 o'clock C. H. Gibson of South Ryegate, a well

known lumberman and quarry owner, called on business acquaintances in Barre vesterday Charles Simons, who has been visiting

Barre, returned to his home in Boston

of that town.

37 Granite street.

Charles Sibley returns to-night to Low-

his family on Hooker hill.

Mrs. George Gilman and three daughters left to-day for their home in Claremont, N. H., after a visit to the home of Mrs. Mary Barclay of Park street.

Arthur Bullock, who has been working for B. W. Hooker & Co. for the past few weeks, began work Tuesday morning for the Standard Oil company in this city. David and Alex. Thow have returned to Quincy, Mass., to resume their duties at the Fore River shippard after passing the holidays at their home in South Barre.

Private James McKernan, late of the Barre fire department but now of the 102d machine gun battalion, is spending a seven-day furlough at his home in this

Wendlyn Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. he has been visiting friends for the past

Paul Nelson and Howard Cole, who sume their studies at the University of sick and wait just a little longer.

Albert Lyon and Laurence Campbell, tho have been passing two weeks at as freshmen

William Robbins, "Curly" Newton, and ordon Robinson left this morning for Perkinsville with a pack of dogs to hunt the panther that is roaming about in that vicinity

Miss Margaret Matthews returned to Hartford, Conn., to-day to resume work after I get out of the army. n an ammunition factory after passing the holiday season with her parents at

Lieut. Norman H. Tracy, who has been bassing a 10 days' furlough with his wife at the home of Frank Trow on Trow hill. left Tuesday for Columbia, S. C., where ne is attached to a dental corps. Joseph Ladrie of Hebert & Ladrie went to Burlington to-day, from which

lace he will return with his wife, who as recovered from an operation for apendicitis at the Fanny Allen hospital. Among the guests registered at the Hotel Barre last night were the names of red L. Dudley, Randolph; C. E. Stanley Novon Bermon, Littleton N. H.; W. S. Mayo, New York City; M. H. Gibson, South Ryegate; R. C. Sullivan, St. Johnsbury; C. Sims, Boston; D. P. Avery, Hanover, N. H.; Charles T.

Frant, Providence, R. I.; W. F. Benson

Morrisville; Miss Jenson, Boston. Students returning to the University of Vermont at Burlington this mornin were Miss Ruth Glysson, Edward Glysson and Paul Nelson. Those going to Middle the year the county agent, by order of bury college were Misses Madeline Mc the fiscal court, has control of the ma Donald and Marion Tilden. Robert Fow ey of Lebanon, N. H., returned to the iniversity of Vermont after visiting Ed-

ward Glysson for the past week. A hirthday and New Year's party was given in honor of Mrs. H. J. Clark of Washington street last evening at which about forty people were present Sames and entertainment by different nembers of the group passed the even ng in a very pleasant manner. buffet lunch was served, after which harles McKenna presented to Mrs. lark a pair of silk portieres and a beautiful rug. The party broke up in the early hours of the morning, shortly after the New Year had dawned.

A New Year's dance was held by the Knights of Columbus at their hall last evening, about 40 couples being in at-tendance to dance the old year out and the new in. Morgan's orchestra furnished music for a pleasing program up to 2 o'clock, and well-rendered vocal solo were given by Dr. Meagher and Messrs Kingston, James Bennett and D. J. Sul livan, Refreshments were served. The Knights of Columbus have appointed a committee, and it is expected that many social functions will be given during the coming year, at which the ladies will be the guests of honor.

### Dance To-night.

Dance in Howland hall to-night. Gilbertson's orchestra 8 pieces. Dancing from 8 till 1. Admission 75c per couple. extra ladies 10c .- adv.

# GRANITEVILLE.

The regular meeting of Loyal Victor odge, L.O.O.L., M. U., No. 41, will be held Thursday seving at 7 o'clock sharp. All members please bring cake. Per orier noble grand, Margaret Murray.

# TALK OF THE TOWN

Dr. E. F. Heininger, dentist, is spend-ng the New Year holiday with relatives n Burlington.

Rev. J. B. Reardon of Church street vent to Brookfield this morning to offilate at a wedding.

Seaman John Davis, who has been stationed at Boston, is spending a ten day furlough with E. M. Laws.

Seaman John Riley, who has been visting at his home on East street, returned ast night to a submarine base in South

Mr. and Mrs. William Emslie of Hart-ford, Conn., left for their home to-day, after a short visit with Mrs. Jane Emslie of Maple avenue.

A Christmas club check helps to pay the coal bill next December. Join to day and be prepared for next winter. Barre

Lake Gallagher and Peter Maherini ave bought out Marrion's fixtures and very shortly in Dodge's old jewelry store.

Miss Alice Davidson has returned to

her home in Northampton, Mass., after spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. John Emslie of Highland avenue. At the Vincitia club New Year's eve, the steward, Gordon Watson, received a substantial purse of money as a testi-monial of the high regard in which he is helds by the members. The presentation

of the club. Basket social will be held by Monitor SERGT, CLARENCE CURTIS WRITES. Member Old 57th Pioneer Inf .- P'enty

to Eat, Good Place to Sleep.

was made by Waldron Shield, president

A letter from Clarence A. Curtis, who before he entered U. S. service was em-ployed in the Barre Savings bank, to parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Curtis of Orange, will be read with interest with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Rowen of Hotel by his acquaintances here. Sergt. Curtis went to Fort Ethan Allen last summer, then to Westfield, Mass., Camp Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bjorn left this Greene and Spartanburg. He was a mem-morning for Brockfield to attend the ber of the old 57th Pieneer infantry, wedding of their niece, Miss Mary Bjorn which went to Europe a few months

Private Constantino Celente went to The letter was written Dec. 1 and Waterbury to-day to visit friends, after says: "Do you think I am lost? I have spending a few days with his brother at not been able to get any paper to even write home. How is everything at home? I hardly think I will be home ell, Mass., where he is employed in a this Christmas, but almost think I will patriotism, but their uneasiness about munition factory. He has been visiting be for the next one. I expect that you rumors of secret bargains and imperialist are somewhat happy now to know that the war is over. Everyone is happy over here.

"I am seeing a great part of France. "I am seeing a great part of France. It is a very beautiful country, but the people are somewhat behind times. Most asking if Armenia, then, was to be given their barns and houses are all one. Their wagons are big, heavy, two-wheeled carts and, instead of driving one horse beside the other, they hitch it on ahead. The French people are very kind to the American soldiers and allow them ing in French houses and some are in

"I am in the little town of St. Mars now, but don't know just how long I will be here. St. Mars is just a little way from Le Mans. If you look on the Lothar Beck of Branch street, returned map, you will be able to find Le Mans. Tuesday noon from North Calais, where Roddie was left in Le Marne some time ago and have not heard a word from him since.

"I expect to be back home within six were recently discharged from the S. A. months and I will expect you to be there T. C., left to-day for Burlington to re- waiting for me. Be careful and not get

their homes in Barre, returned to-day to anything here to send you for your Hanover, N. H., where they are enrolled birthday, but will get you something when I get home. I thought of you Oct. you can in the U. S. A. I have had to o without money for some time, but expect that we will get paid off sometime. Have you received my allotment each month? We will have that to use

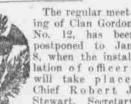
> "Ward Luce left here quite a while igo, but do not know where he went. ergt. Lewis is the only fellow that I know very well leit here out of our ompany. I am now in the 330th Inf.. my address now will be Co. H. 330th Inf., A. P. O., No. 762 Amer. E. F., via New York. I expect that it will change rom time to time, but send my mail to my last address until I write a dif ferent one. My mail will follow me all right." "Please write as often as you can, because it makes things much fore pleasant to hear the news from home. If you ever get any Barre Times that you think I would like to see, please send them, because whenever I et hold of an American paper I read t over and over again. I would like have you send me a few hars of hocolate if you would, because candy s not very plenty over here. I am in a place where I can get plenty of paper and will write as often as I can."

## Good Food for Soldiers and Sailors.

At the request of the secretary of var and the secretary of the navy the lepartment of agriculture has particinated in protecting American military and naval forces against unwholesome food, says the secretary of agriculture in his annual report. The federal meat inspection, which for years has safeguarded the civil population of the United States from bad meat in interstate commerce, was extended to include the special supervision of the meat supply of the American army and navy. amination, selection, and handling of the time the live animals are driven to laughter until the finished product is varieties selected from numerous delivered in good condition to the mess cooks. Inspectors were assigned to the various cantonments, training camps, orts, posts, and other places in the Unit-States, where large numbers of troops are assembled, and at the close of the fiscal year there were 60 such experts with the army and 30 with the navy.



Regular meeting of Degree of Pocaontra Thursday evening, Jan. 2,



ing of Clan Gordon, No. 12, has been postponed to Jan. s, when the instalextra ladies, 10c. -adv. lation of officers will take place. Chief Robert J Stewart, Secretary James W. Clubb.

Clansmen will please leave their due cards at clan office on or before Thurs-LOST—Therday atternion, probably on the tracks from Blackwell street to Depot square via M. & W. station, a ladies' black handbag; purse enclosed with amount of money; finder will be rewarded by returning property to Times office.

24512 day, Jan. 2, for six-monthly audit. Per

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### Secret Diplomacy.

As fighting gives place to negotiation we can more clearly see the mischief worked by secret diplomacy. It perhaps served well enough the purposes of the old regime, in settling the disputes of princes, in which the people had no share; in a democracy it is not merely sut of place but a source of danger. The overnment which dare not or will not take the people into its confidence is per-petually in danger of exposure, and beomes nervous, irritable, and despotic because in constant fear that its hidden

veakness may be brought to light. Even in countries whose essential aims vere of the noblest character, there has been, as is well known, a popular unrest due to suspicion that other less creditable aims were being kept from the people. It is instructive, for example, to turn back to the famous "no annexations" debate in the British House of Commons on May 16, 1917. The opposition members who called for a restatement of war aims to fit the conditions brought about by the Russian revolution showed no lack of rumors of secret bargains and imperialist aims now appears to have had some foundation. But they could get no satisfaction, the spokesman for the war cabof the building are made of stone and back to the Turks, and if Belgium's wrongs were not to be paid for-exceptions which the government's critics were quite willing to make. Looking back upon this and other episodes, the British public may perhaps feel that they have not been quite frankly dealt with by the to come into their houses. We are liv- government. Probably no statesman would assert that the people of entente ountries would have borne what they have borne for such a peace as the im

perialists would make. It has become increasingly lear, also, that the alarming strength of the bolshe viki has been in great part due to their eleverness in perceiving the immense possibilities, in a democratic age, of public diplomacy. Putting altogether to one James F. McGlaughlin ceased his duties as a driver for the American Express company last night. He is to be succeeded in the position by Charles Fal
were at the front now I expect I would be succeeded in the position by Charles Fal
were at the front now I expect I would be succeeded in the position by Charles Falside their socialistic views, and considercountries democracy's best weapon. Their tente nations the people were being kept in ignorance of what the diplomats were doing, and the governments were in con-"I am getting plenty of things to eat and a good place to sleep, so you needn't worry about me. Mother, I couldn't get the people with a program tolehevist prostant fear that certain secret arrange ple wanted. It was not a bolshevist program, but one shaped to meet the general desire for peace. Its formula, "no an-20, but you can't get things here as nexations, no indemnities," appealed to nearly the entire Russian nation, and helps to account for the acceptance by Russia of the Lenine government. But beyond that, it made a strong appeal to the common people of all countries, and the bolsheviki, knowing from the secret treaties found in the archives what the entente governments were driving at, had

formidable chance for propaganda. The Germans found the glaring publicity of bolshevist diplomacy awkward to deal with, as the reaction from the Brest-Litovsk treaty showed. But democratic ountries have at their disposal the best of antidotes. Turning on the pitiless white light of publicity robs propaganda of half its terrors. The phase of bolshevist propaganda which has been most serious abroad has indeed been its strong anti-imperialism, which is not necessarily bolshevist at all. It took the allies at a disadvantage only because diplomacy in democratic countries has not yet been fully made democratic. That at all stages diplomacy should be public would be extreme ground to take, but there is a lear distinction between a privacy which acilitates discussion and a secrecy which hides from the people the bargains to which they are pledged. If democratic countries have left it to the fanatics of Moscow to show how strong a force open liplomacy can be made, they have themcives to blame, and they should not allow dislike for the bolsheviki to dete them from a reform long overdue. This war has seen too many secret bargains, not all of them in the public interest. Springfield Republican.

Improves Varieties of Soy Beans.

The increasing utilization of the .oy fured products has resulted in an increased public interest in this crop and consequent larger acreage. The United States department of agriculture has extended its field work with soy beans meats and fats are in expert hands from during the past year, especially in connection with the testing of improved ductions from Asia. Much hybridization involving the crossing of the nonshottering, smooth sort with standard commer cial sorts has been done. Many of the most important varieties now grown are the result of the department's work. Several recently distributed are in Ha-berlandt, Va., Wilson-Five, Hahto, Bil-oxi, Black Eyebrow, Manchu, and Peking. The testing of varieties for food purposes has given a soft-boiling bean, Easy Cook, superior to any other test ed, and the Hahto, a variety especially at 7 o'clock. There will be a joint meeting of the amusement committees of the Breeding work is being continued with warieties of high oil and protein content and high forage and seed yield.

Dance To-night.

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# TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST-Tuesday afternoon, probably on the

### WILLIAMSTOWN

Miss Anna Wilfore of Northfield is out its interest.

a change.

passed the most critical point in her ill-ness and is now improving.

sible for the proposed extension, but its platform would be likely to call for a A letter lately received by A. S. Win-

George E. Wilber, who was appointed chool director to fill out the unexpired oalance of the year of the term of the ate W. M. Williams, has placed his resignation in the hands of the selectmen. A son of J. A. Boudreau, who has been at the sanatorium in Pittsford for treat-

ment, has returned home. Schools throughout the town reopened On account of several of the teachers in the village school living at a distance, the school did not reopen till Tuesday.

Mr. McAdoe's Five Years.

legislation, that the government shall The stonecutting plant of the W. B. continue the operation of the railroads ones Granite Co. shut down last night till Jan. 1, 1924, in order to give the idea and will not reopen till sometime next a thorough trial. In this suggestion the date, among other things, is not with

spending a two weeks' vacation with her | This would mean that two million railroad employes, in the next presiden Arthur E. Whitney, employed in a tial election, would be asked to decide plant engaged in making shells in Bel- whether they preferred to work for the lows Falls, has lately spent a few days government, as the Democratic party in at his home here. He states that the Congress and the cabinet had arranged firm is running both day and night shifts or for private owners, as the Republican and that there is three months' work now opposition would be likely to provide ahead unless orders are received making for. How would a similar question be decided by Boston firemen? Not only Mrs. Lena R. Briggs seems to have would the Democratic party be respon

continuance of the existing system. chester from his son, Lindsay, now in the service overseas, brings the news that he significant date, on the edge of a preshas had an attack of bronchitis and has idential election. Suppose the question been in the hospital and is now better came up just before that—even so late and hopes to return to this country be- as the December session, which Congress is now having-what members of Congress that you know would dure to vote to take the business out of the hands of a benevolent employer and give it to men who had something individually to gain by successful and effective opera-

The letter carriers put up a monument in New York to "Sunset" Cox because of his activities in getting their salaries Monday after the Christmas vacation, raised—and this they doubtless deserved. But have you ever seen a monument to anybody who increased the efficiency of any government operation, and so less ened the burden resting on "the every body," through his cost of living? We never did. Nor do we expect to see one Retiring Director of the Railroads Mc- right away!-Boston Berald.

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